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Grand Opening Celebrations at Two New Amtrak Stations!

Santa Barbara

Restored to its turn-of-the-century splendor, the Santa Barbara Amtrak Station is a magnificent gateway to the city and the Central Coast beyond.

A Grand Opening Celebration in late October introduces new facilities to the public. The station building, which dates back to 1905, has been rebuilt, seismically upgraded and the baggage handling and passenger ticketing areas have been renovated for increased efficiency. Great effort was placed on restoring the station to its original colors, finishes and materials. There are new passenger platforms, improved automobile circulation, taxi stands and bicycle racks. Landscaping has been restored to the original design with rock pathways through Depot Park, California pepper trees, Canary Island palms and Lantana hedges. The railroad station has been declared a City Landmark and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for its Mission Revival architecture.

Service to the station includes four daily roundtrip *San Diegan* trains, daily northbound and southbound *Coast Starlight* trains and Amtrak Thruway

Motorcoach connections between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles and north to San Jose.

The public open house and ceremonies include remarks by Santa Barbara Mayor Harriett Miller and other civic, state, Caltrans and Amtrak officials. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, presentation of a commemorative plaque by the Native Sons of the Golden West, and arrival of a *San Diegan* train, which will break through a paper banner signifying the opening of the station.

Corcoran

If you happen to be in Corcoran on Saturday, October 2, stop by the Amtrak Station at Whitley & Otis Streets. The new Corcoran Amtrak Station will be celebrating its grand opening and the inauguration of service to the new facility.

Corcoran Mayor Ruben Quintanilla and other local and state dignitaries will arrive on a *San Joaquin* train. They will give remarks and cut a red ribbon to officially open the new terminal. There

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Corcoran Depot



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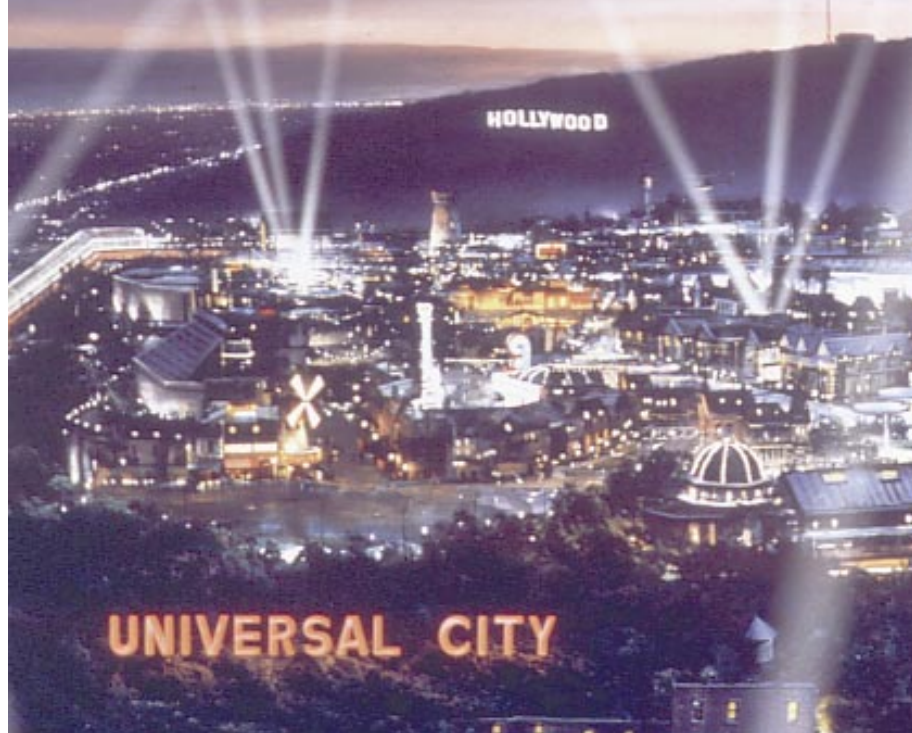
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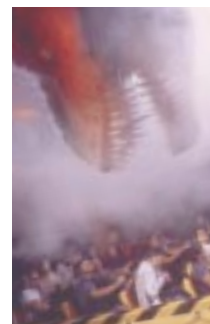


**Take the shuttle
directly to
Universal Studios
Hollywood
from Amtrak's
Union Station**

Inside the gates at Universal Studios Hollywood is a place of classic movie stars, thrilling action heroes, roaring dinosaurs and fearsome giants. It's a place where many of the most memorable motion pictures and television programs come to life.

"Terminator 2:3-D" combines thrilling live action stunts with the most sophisticated digital imaging technology, projected on the world's largest 3-D screen to achieve the effect of a virtual adventure experience. On "Jurassic Park — The Ride" you meet close-up three-dimensional, five-story dinosaurs. "Back To The Future — The Ride" takes you on a wild chase through time from the Ice Age to the year 2015. On "Backdraft"

you literally feel the heat as you confront ruptured fuel lines and melting metal. Then soar through the skies aboard star-bound bicycles with "The E. T. Adventure." And become a Hollywood "insider" on the Backlot Tram Tour, where you'll



see some of the most famous and recognizable movie and television sets.

Amtrak California passengers have an easy and comfortable transfer from Los Angeles' Union Station direct to Universal Studios Holly-

wood. Operated by Metropolitan Express, the shuttle is available when Universal Studios is open. The shuttle meets all *San Diegan* trains and *San Joaquin* passengers also may connect with the shuttle at Union Station, Los Angeles.

Reservations for the Metropolitan Express shuttle are advisable, and should be obtained in advance by calling 1-800-338-3898. At Union Station, the shuttles are located in the bus plaza outside the baggage claim area. Look for the yellow Metropolitan Express shuttle with the name painted on the side.

Amtrak offers a Sightseer Tour to Universal Studios Hollywood, which includes train ticket, shuttle and entrance admission. Ask the Amtrak ticket agent or your local travel agent to refer to G/CTY/UVS.

For more information on Universal Studios Hollywood, including hours of operation, call 818/622-3801.

Let's Go Lego!

YOUR TRIP TO LEGOLAND will be a whole lot easier if you take the train. Amtrak California's *San Diegans* take you to Oceanside, where a PAL shuttle will be standing by for the trip to Legoland. And, you can save time and money by purchasing your Legoland entrance ticket with your Amtrak ticket. Ask the Amtrak reservationist to refer to G/CTY/LGX.

Amtrak passengers are offered a reduced entrance fee for Legoland: \$29 for adults, \$25 for seniors (age 60 and over), and \$22.50 for children (3-16 years).

Shuttles leave the Oceanside Amtrak Station for Legoland daily at 9:25 a.m., 10:25 a.m., and 11:31 a.m.

Return shuttles from Legoland to the Amtrak train in Oceanside depart at 1:55 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:55 p.m., 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and at 1:20 p.m., 3:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:55 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. PAL shuttle cost \$6.00 each way for adults and \$3 for children 2-15 years.



Amtrak California ...AND ALL THAT JAZZ



Heading for Santa Barbara and the International Jazz Festival? Why not take the train. It's easy and comfortable on Amtrak California's *San Diegan*. There are four

daily roundtrip trains between Santa Barbara and the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

One daily roundtrip travels between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

The 11th annual Santa Barbara Jazz Festival will be held September 20 through 26.

The first two nights the festival will be held at Soho Jazz Club, followed by four nights at the Lobero Theater and three nights at

Leadbetter Beach. Among the artists appearing are Mose Allison, Tito Puente, Les McCann, Igor Bril from Moscow, John Foreman from Australia, and several others including top local musicians.

Late night jam sessions will be held at Fess Parker's

Double Tree Inn featuring Lou Levy and Theo Saunders. Amtrak passengers will receive a \$10 discount on the one-day general admission ticket to the September 25 and 26 concerts at Leadbetter Beach. Just show your train ticket receipt when purchasing your concert ticket.



San Joaquins Score Big With Oakland Raiders Fans



San Joaquin Valley football fans going to a Sunday Oakland Raiders game can now take the train to the game by reserving seats aboard *San Joaquin* train #711 to Oakland and a special all-reserved motorcoach connection directly to the Coliseum. After the game, the special Amtrak Thruway Motorcoach will be waiting at the stadium to return passengers to the train.

Fans going to an Oakland Raiders game must make a reservation for the train and for the stadium shuttle.

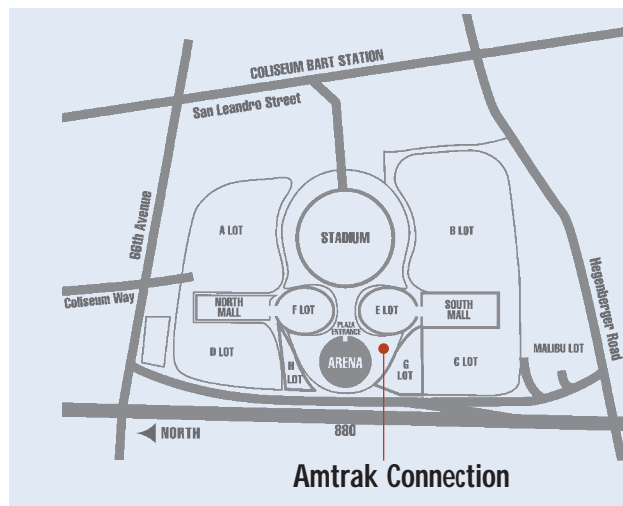
Specify *San Joaquin* train #711 and the Oakland Raiders shuttle when making reservations at 1-800-USA-RAIL.

San Joaquin #711 arrives at the Oakland Amtrak Station at 11:05 a.m. in plenty of time to get to the stadium for the 1:00 p.m. kick-off. After the game, fans should go directly to the motorcoach parking space — which is located on the south side of the Coliseum Complex at the bottom of the ramp next to the Oakland

Arena—for the shuttle back to the Oakland Amtrak Station and southbound *San Joaquin* train #718.

San Joaquin departures from Valley communities to the Oakland Coliseum: Fresno 6:50 a.m., Madera 7:11 a.m., Merced 7:45 a.m., Turlock/Denair 8:06 a.m., Riverbank/Modesto 8:26 a.m., Stockton 8:58 a.m., Antioch 9:33 a.m., and Martinez 10:05 a.m.

San Joaquin #712 and the Coliseum shuttle will serve Raiders home games on Sunday, September 26, October 10, 24 and 31, November 14 and 28 and December 5 and 19.



two ride for the price of one

Now is the time to take a relative, friend or neighbor and get out of town aboard a *San Joaquin* or *San Diegan* train. Amtrak California is offering the popular Companion Fare in the fall. Between October 4

and November 15, passengers purchasing a regular adult one-way or round-trip ticket receive a free companion ticket. The companion ticket must be used at the same time, on the same train and between the same two cities, including those cities served by Amtrak Thruway Motorcoach Connections, as the original ticket.

Companion Fares apply to the lowest available full fare and are valid seven days a week. No special coupons are required, however tickets must be purchased and travel completed by November 15, 1999 and cannot be used with any other promotion or discount. The full fare passenger and the companion ticket holder may each take two children at half price. Other restrictions may apply.

So don't hesitate. Drop by a staffed Amtrak station, an authorized Amtrak travel agent or call 1-800-USA-RAIL...and get aboard! Ask Amtrak agents for G/PRO/CAL.

Visit Tarzan's Treehouse at Disneyland Park

The tale of Tarzan comes alive in "Tarzan's Treehouse," a towering tree-top home where visitors to Disneyland Park experience the legend and meet the characters from Disney's newest animated motion picture *Tarzan*.

The former site of the Swiss Family Treehouse in Adventureland, "Tarzan's Treehouse" takes you on a safari of discovery through the home and adventures of Disney's Tarzan. It is a "climb-through" experience, beginning with the ascent of a wooden staircase made of salvaged items from a shipwreck. You cross an aged suspension bridge to reach the moss-and-vine-covered tree in which you will find the homes of Tarzan's human parents and of his ape foster mother Kala as well as the main hut where Tarzan lives. Sketches by Tarzan's companion Jane are along the way, telling the story of Tarzan's remarkable survival and coming-of-age in the jungle.

At the base of the tree, there is an interactive play area where Jane has



turned salvaged belongings into playthings and musical instruments for her jungle friends. At special times, live animals and characters from Disney's *Tarzan* visit the area. The treehouse overlooks Jungle Cruise in Adventureland and the Temple of the Forbidden Eye, home of the Indiana Jones™ Adventure.

And how about making your trip to Disneyland Park more comfortable and enjoyable? Take Amtrak California's *San Diegan*. With one easy phone call (to the Amtrak Reservation Center at 1-800-USA-RAIL) you can arrange your train tickets, shuttle to Disneyland Park and entrance passports. Admission passports

to the Park for one-day, three-days and five-days are available. Give the Amtrak reservationist the Code G/TVL/SEE/P3 and the costs and schedules will be explained to you.



Amtrak and Hertz — A Great Travel Combination

To make your travel plans even more convenient, Amtrak passengers now can rent a Hertz car at some Amtrak Stations along the *San Diegan* route.

The Hertz car rental service is available in San Diego, Oceanside, Fullerton and Anaheim. Upon arrival at the station, simply contact Hertz from a courtesy telephone for a pick-up to a nearby rental office. Hertz also will return you to the train after you check-in the automobile. As the program expands, more stations will be added and many stations will have a staffed Hertz counter. Amtrak and Hertz are actively working to increase the number of locations, including Los Angeles.

When you call Amtrak's Reservations Center to book travel, ask to be transferred to a Hertz representative, and your car rental will be made in the one easy phone call. In many cases, Amtrak customers will also qualify for special car rental rates. When speaking to an Amtrak reservationist, be sure to reference G/POL/CAR.

Amtrak and Hertz are working on plans to offer special travel promotions and rail/drive vacations in the near future.



Grand Openings

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will be music, entertainment, and drawings for prizes. Corcoran's annual Cotton Festival parade will end at the station in time for the opening festivities.

The new station features an 800-foot-long passenger platform, a comfortable, enclosed passenger waiting area with restrooms and vending machines, ambient lighting and automobile parking.

San Joaquin train service at Corcoran includes eight daily trains. Four trains originate in Bakersfield and travel through the Central Valley to Stockton where three trains continue to the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area and one train continues north to Sacramento. Southbound trains follow the same route, with three originating in the Bay Area and one in Sacramento. At Bakersfield, Amtrak Thruway Motorcoaches take passengers to and from Los Angeles and other destinations in Southern California. The station building also serves as a pickup and drop-off point for Kings Area Rural Transit and City of Corcoran Dial-A-Ride.